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2008 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin Available January 3

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WASHINGTON — Sales of the 2008 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin will open at 12:00 noon (ET) on January 3, 2008, the United States Mint announced today. This year's coin is offered at \$31.95. There is no production limit for this product, or mintage limit for this coin.

The American Eagle Silver Proof Coin, available in the one–ounce size, bears the distinctive "W" mint mark denoting production at the United States Mint at West Point. Each coin, containing 99.9 percent silver, is sealed in a protective capsule and housed in a satin–lined velvet presentation case. A Certificate of Authenticity, signed by the Director of the United States Mint, accompanies the coin.

Since its debut in 1986, the obverse of the American Eagle Silver Proof Coin has featured the full-length image of Liberty designed by Adolph A. Weinman. Liberty is rendered in full-stride with her right hand extended and carrying branches of laurel and oak in her left. The reverse of the coin, designed by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver John Mercanti, features the heraldic eagle clutching an olive branch in its right talon and arrows in its left.

To view or download an image of the 2008 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin, go to: http://www.usmint.gov/pressroom/index.cfm?action=photo#silverProof

Customers can purchase the 2008 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin at the United States Mint's secure Web site, www.usmint.gov, or by calling 1–800–USA–MINT (872–6468). Hearing–impaired or speech–impaired customers with TTY equipment may order by calling 1–888–321–MINT (6468). All domestic orders will be assessed a \$4.95 shipping and handling fee per order.

The American Eagle Silver Proof Coin is included in the United States Mint's Online Subscription Program. Customers who enroll in the program experience the convenience of having each new coin charged and shipped automatically as it becomes available. Visit www.usmint.gov for more information about this convenient ordering method.

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